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Students Clarify View on CIA

To the Editor:

We would like to correct the statement attributed to Miss Vandervoort concerning our position with regard to the CIA. The fact that the large budget allotted to the CIA was unaccounted for is of secondary importance. Our main concern is that, rather than relaying the information gathered through its intelligence operations to responsible government officials, the agency frequently takes action on its own. . . .

The dangers inherent in this "invisible government" are clear. The American people's ability to govern themselves is impaired, since the CIA is removed from the delicate system of checks and balances on which American democracy depends. . . .

The purpose of our demonstration was to draw this kind of activity to the attention of the Grinnell students, encourage questions concerning the role of the CIA, and register our personal protest against it.—Bill Downey, Muffie Meyer, Jean Vandervoort, Grinnell College
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